

## ANGELA AWARD

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### PROGRAM SUMMARY

This award honors one female student in grades 5-8 who is exceptionally involved in and has a strong passion for STEM. The award has been established in honor of Gerry Wheeler and his outstanding dedication to NSTA and lifelong commitment to science education.

### AWARD

The awardee will be honored at the Teachers Awards Banquet at the NSTA National Conference, and presented at her school. The award will consist of a \$1,000 US EE Savings Bond or Canada Savings Bond purchased for the equivalent issue price.

### ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to any female student in grades 5 – 8, who is a resident of the United States, US Territories, or Canada, and is enrolled full time in public, private, or home school. NSTA employees, NSTA Board and Council members, award judges and their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Excellence of involvement or strong connection to science is the main criteria for selection of the recipient.

- ★ Extent of involvement in and passion for STEM
- ★ Evidence of sustained accomplishments or progress/interest in STEM
- ★ Evidence that the student's interest in STEM has impacted others
- ★ Quality of support materials

### REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Letter of nomination from teacher, parent (**homeschool only**), school administrator, or community leader as pdf file
- ★ An essay written by the student about her interest and involvement in STEM (character equivalent up to 500 words)
- ★ Student is encouraged to include in essay future aspirations in STEM
- ★ Two letters of support from individuals who can give evidence of how the student meets the specific criteria for this award. Letters must not exceed two pages each, and must accompany application as pdf files (**parent-homeschool only**)
- ★ Character equivalent of up to two pages of support materials are required; as pdf file only

Upon receipt, all applications become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received by December 15, 2017. Use the on-line submission form at [www.nsta.org/awards](http://www.nsta.org/awards) to complete your application. All attachments shall be in pdf format.

Letterhead recommended for all letters except parents of homeschool students.

**Parent letters will only be accepted for homeschool students.**

Questions send e-mail to [awards@nsta.org](mailto:awards@nsta.org).